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By SAMUEL COMPERS, President American Federation of Labor.

Labor's Independent Vote to Be Renewed With Vigor This Year.

IN view of the serious crisis which confronts the workers there will be far greater political activity this year than ever before. Our campaign work will still be dependent upon voluntary contributions from friends and sympathizers, but we have no fear whatever of the result, for our cause is just and righteous.

The action of every member of the Sixtieth congress in regard to labor's measures and interests HAS BEEN CAREFULLY NOTED, and this information will be available in every district for campaign purposes.

That the dominant majority in congress was cut from 112 to 56 by labor's efforts in the campaign of 1906 is a fact which has been sedulously ignored. The increases or decreases in pluralities demonstrate beyond doubt the practicability and influence of the American Federation of Labor plan of campaign and should be an incentive to all ardent, active unionists and friends to give RENEWED ACTIVITY to this movement this year, when so much is at stake.

THE COMPARISON OF THE INCREASED AND DECREASED PLURALITIES IS A MOST INTERESTING STUDY. IT WILL BE ESPECIALLY VALUABLE TO THE VOTERS IN THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS BECAUSE THEY ARE ABLE TO JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT WERE THE INFLUENCES WHICH DECIDED THE VOTE IN 1906, AND THEY ALONE CAN CARRY INTO FULL EFFECT THE DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE NATURAL AND INHERENT RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS.

The policy advocated by the American Federation of Labor was effectively carried out by the state and central bodies in many instances successfully in 1906, and they will be prepared this year to profit by that experience and accomplish still greater results. The practicability of our political movement has demonstrated itself in the action of the Sixtieth congress. Members of that body who prior to the last election imagined that labor measures were something with which to play the game of battle-door and shuttlecock and who were either hostile or indifferent have now realized that even where they were not defeated a stinging rebuke has been administered to them by the enormous reductions in their pluralities.

Their record will be made the basis for future action at the hands of the workers. Already can be seen THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, and without fear of contradiction it can be said that labor will guard its interests and make its political power felt to a greater degree in the next congress than in former ones and better results will be obtained.

Party leaders appreciate THE POTENCY OF THE INDEPENDENT VOTING POWER. They fear the growth of this spirit of independent voting more than anything else, as they realize that it means their ultimate destruction as dictators.

THE POLICY OF INDEPENDENT VOTING WILL BE CONTINUED WITH RENEWED VIGOR. IT IS ALREADY DEEPLY IMPRESSED UPON THE MINDS OF THE WORKERS THAT FOR THEM TO BE ABSOLUTELY FREE FROM PARTY DOMINATION AND POLITICAL SLAVERY THEY SHOULD ALWAYS AND EVER BEAR IN MIND THAT "THEY WHO WOULD BE FREE MUST FIRST STRIKE THE BLOW."



By HARRY PRATT JUDSON, President University of Chicago.

The Church Must Modernize Its Methods of Work.

THE world is getting away from Christianity. Christians reach out for heathen lands, and THEIR OWN PEOPLE ARE BECOMING HEATHEN faster than the heathen are becoming Christian. Why is it?

Few things are more marked in our time than the REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE IN SOCIAL ORGANIZATION in adaptation to modern conditions. It is not only that machinery on a large scale has taken the place of slow and clumsy handwork. Government and business, too, are new and effective machines. Manufactures and commerce have devised modern plans consonant with the vast scale of modern affairs. Business methods which were effective a century ago are long since obsolete.

We complain of the abuses of the corporation, but we might as well inveigh against the reaping machine and the steam engine. We have learned NEW MACHINES, SOCIAL AS WELL AS MATERIAL, for the conduct of our matters of great moment.

THE CHURCH ONLY LAGS BEHIND, IN ITS ORGANIZATION AND METHODS IT BELONGS TO A PAST GENERATION. IF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IS TO BE AS EFFICIENT AS THE PROCESSES OF MANUFACTURE AND TRADE THE CHURCH MUST MODERNIZE ITS SYSTEM.

FOURTEEN YEARS OLD THIS WEEK.

With this issue the Press enters upon its fifteenth year. To be more correct, its predecessor the *Campbell Visitor* was established fourteen years ago by the present editor in conjunction with the late Frank A. Blaine. With the exception of a short period the present editor has been at the helm all these years. It was no small task to start and keep alive a weekly paper in the days before the city dailies pressed so hard for the business, but now it is infinitely harder to successfully publish the paper and keep head above water. We are certain of our grounds when we say that no other paper in the county has been able to hold up with such meagre support as has been given this paper by the home business men. We want to thank the few merchants and others who have been constant advertisers in the paper. Especially do we wish to thank Mr. Wade of the Farmers Union for the unusual courtesies extended. This firm's ad has never been missing from the columns of the paper from the first and we thoroughly appreciate this loyalty to the home paper. On more than one occasion have we hesitated about continuing the paper longer, when it was apparent from a perusal of the advertising columns that it was a waste of energy to continue, especially when there were more inviting fields. But the obligations to subscribers who have paid in advance has caused us to press on though the remuneration were meagre. So we enter upon our fifteenth year more determined than ever to push Campbell to the front, although we must admit we could do better service if the advertising columns showed up better.

The Santa Clara News published a twelve page Fourth of July special edition. It was full of reading matter and packed full of advertising, which must make Editor Roth's heart glad. No wonder he could do two men's work under such circumstances. The edition was printed on his new cylinder press.

The Santa Clara County Editorial Association will meet at Palo Alto next Monday, having accepted an invitation from Editor Simkins to be present and dedicate his new, modern printing office and stationary store building, which is a model. A banquet and an automobile ride is promised the pencil pushers and their wives. A great time is anticipated.

The Democratic National Convention is in session at Denver. California is receiving much prominence on account of the fact that Theodore A. Bell of this State was the temporary chairman of the convention. The enthusiasm engendered at every mention of Bryan's name is wonderful. He will be nominated on the first ballot—and he will be elected in November without doubt.

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